

Book of Mormon Simplicity vs. LDS Gold, Silks, Scarlets, Linen

One of the many beautiful facets of the Book of Mormon is how plain and precious it explains the gospel. This unfortunately has been lost for the most part by Christendom for the last 2,000 years. For instance here are just a very few verses to demonstrate this quality:

41)...and the labor which they had to perform was to look; and because of the **simpleness of the way**, or the easiness of it, there were many who perished. (1 Nephi 17)

20) And they shall cry from the dust; yea, even repentance unto their brethren, even after many generations have gone by them. And it shall come to pass that their cry shall go, even according to the **simpleness of their words**. (2 Nephi 3)

26)And we talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins.

27)Wherefore, we speak concerning the law that our children may know the deadness of the law; and they, by knowing the deadness of the law, may look forward unto that life which is in Christ, and know for what end the law was given. And after the law is fulfilled in Christ, that they need not harden their hearts against him when the law ought to be done away.

28)And now behold, my people, ye are a stiffnecked people; wherefore, **I have spoken plainly unto you, that ye cannot misunderstand. And the words which I have spoken shall stand as a testimony against you; for they are sufficient to teach any man the right way; for the right way is to believe in Christ** and deny him not; for by denying him ye also deny the prophets and the law.

29)And now behold, I say unto you that **the right way is to believe in Christ**, and deny him not; and Christ is the Holy One of Israel; **wherefore ye must bow down before him, and worship him with all your might, mind, and strength, and your whole soul**; and if ye do this ye shall in nowise be cast out.

30)And, inasmuch as it shall be expedient, ye must keep the performances and ordinances of God until the law shall be fulfilled which was given unto Moses. (2 Nephi 25)

On the other hand, beginning on 6 April 1830, the devil used his influence and cunning to pollute the holy word of God (BoM) and the pre-April 6, 1830 church of Christ (3 branches, 70 members, with 3 elders). Pollution begins **only** when something impure is **added** (D&C, PGP, JST, Masonry, persuasions of men, etc.) to purity, and this usually occurs incrementally.

8 And the angel spake unto me, saying: Behold the gold, and the silver, and the silks, and the scarlets, and the fine-twined linen, and the precious clothing, and the harlots (plural marriage), are the desires of this great and abominable church.

9 And also for the **praise of the world do they destroy the saints of God, and bring them down into captivity**. (1 Nephi 13)

38) O ye pollutions, ye hypocrites, ye teachers, who sell (promote?) yourselves for that which will canker, why have ye **polluted the holy church of God**? Why are ye ashamed to take upon you **the name of Christ**? Why do ye not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness than that misery which never dies-because of **the praise of the world**? (Mormon 8)